

# JAPAN'S CIVIL ADMINISTRATION AROUSES IRE OF THE CHINAMEN

(Correspondence Associated Press.)

PEKING, February 18.—Substitution by the Japanese of civil administration for military rule in Tsingtau and along the Tsingtau-Taiwan railway which is regarded here as giving the appearance of permanency to Japan's occupation of that territory, has aroused the indignation of the Chinese local population. This has been expressed in petitions to the central government to the governors of other provinces and to influential Chinese organizations.

The Chinese government has protested to Tokyo and has received a reply stating in effect that the inauguration of civil government was done with the idea that it might please the local population better than a military regime.

Japan's point of view, as described here, is that any obligations to vacate the territory in question after the war, which existed by virtue of Japan's declaration at the time of its occupation, has been annulled by China's declaration of war against Germany and the consequent cancellation of existing treaties.

It is understood in Peking that Japan holds that the ultimate disposition of this territory must be the subject of further negotiations between China and Japan.

Meanwhile Japan is perfecting and extending her civil administration on the ground that it is her duty to maintain peace and prosperity in the territory she captured from Germany. Leading Shantung men, who

view with despair Japan's action, say much capital is being made of the Lansing-Ishii agreement. According to these authorities the Japanese declare that their position as special guardians of that territory is now fully conceded and that no power can resist it.

The bitterness which has developed on the part of the Chinese is indicated by the paragraph in a written protest by the Shantung provincial assembly, which reads: "Our fellow men in the province of Shantung in their struggle to be released from political calamities have determined never to taste Japanese fish or meat even though they starve."

Causes of complaint cited in protests which are raining in upon the central government follow:

"In Tsingtau, Fangtze, Changtien and Tsinan the Japanese have established civil administration departments in disregard for Chinese sovereignty. The Germans during the entire time of their occupation, it is pointed out, never attempted to institute civil administration and left to China the right to police the railway. There are already Japanese consulates throughout Shantung to look after the welfare of Japanese residents making unnecessary the establishment of civil administration."

"Japanese civil officers have already assumed jurisdiction in cases of rents and debts."

"Whereas the Germans only enjoyed priority in acquiring mining rights, the Japanese actually interfere in some instances with mines

already owned and exploited by Chinese, even to the length of prohibiting the sale of products."

"The building of roads, establishment of an industrial school and the taking over of control of a railway hospital and the hospital for gendarmes in Tsingtau is regarded as evidence of intended permanent occupation."

The Chinese could perhaps forgive the Japanese for other acts if they had not extended their jurisdiction to the railway and to a "railway zone" about ten miles wide extending as far as Tsinanfu. According to competent authority no convention was even enacted with the Germans for a railway zone.

This want of any authority for a "railway zone" is being urged by the Chinese foreign office in its protest against the alleged encroachment.

The Japanese, in reply, argue the difficulty of altering a decree issued by their emperor, declaring that what they are doing in Shantung is such authority.

The Chinese declare that under existing treaties any decree by Japan can only affect the Tsingtau district and the erstwhile German leased territory, therefore there is no need of modifying the decree, the only requisite being to properly interpret it.

While the respective foreign offices discuss the merits of the controversy the influx of Japanese into the territory in question is said to be growing from day to day.

## EXPORTS OF FOOD SHOW NO DECLINE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Exports of foodstuffs in February showed no decline in value as compared with the same month last year, despite the shipping tie-up due to paralysis of railroad transportation. It was announced yesterday. The exports amounted to \$110,000,000 and the total for the first eight months of the fiscal year was \$805,466,738. In February, 1917, foodstuffs sent abroad were worth \$69,000,000 and for the first eight months of the fiscal year were worth \$759,900,000.

### OUTFIELDER IS DEAD

(By Associated Press.)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 3.—Louis Reuther, outfielder, who was to have reported to the Minneapolis team of the American Association, this week for spring practice, is dead at his home at Manitowish, Wis., according to word received here yesterday. Typhoid fever caused his death. Reuther formerly played in the Northern and Western leagues. He finished last season with Wichita.

## MASSACHUSETTS IN PROHIBITION LINE

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, April 3.—Massachusetts swung into line with the states supporting the federal prohibition movement when the senate yesterday ratified the prohibitory amendment by a roll call of 27 to 12. Similar endorsement was voted a week ago by the house, 145 to 91.

By this action Massachusetts becomes the first of the northeastern states to ratify the amendment and the eleventh in the entire country. The states that had previously ratified it are:

Mississippi, Virginia, Kentucky, South Carolina, North Dakota, Maryland, Montana, Texas, Delaware, South Dakota. To carry the amendment, 25 other states must vote in its favor.

Prohibition forces were elated last night over the victory. Church bells were rung for ten minutes in almost every city and town in the state announcing the result of the legislative ballot.

## NAVAL OFFICERS GET PROFESSORS' HEADS

(By Associated Press.)

BERKELEY, Cal., April 3.—Professor Alfred Forke, head of the department of oriental languages, and J. W. D. Hack, an assistant in chemistry, were dismissed yesterday from the faculty of the University of California by the finance committee of the board of regents on the grounds that the actions of Forke and Hack were "inimical to the United States government."

According to a statement issued from the office of Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the university, the men were dismissed following information against them submitted by United States naval officers. The university authorities state they were bound to strict secrecy regarding details of the charges brought by the naval officers against the two faculty members.

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# WORKMEN BEAUTIFY LAST RESTING PLACE OF THE LUSITANIA VICTIMS

(By Associated Press.)

QUEENSTOWN, April 3.—Workmen have just finished a month's task of tidying up the Lusitania cemetery here, where 147 of the Lusitania dead are buried. They have converted the three mounds of earth, which mark the trench graves of the victims, into the neatest and best-kept part of the village burying ground at the top of the cliffs.

A neat sign placed over the largest of the three trench graves informs visitors that the improvement was made at the direction of the Cunard Steamship company, and that the company has engaged a Cork firm of gardeners permanently to keep the grass and trees trimmed and the flowers watered.

The failure of the town council to care for the graves made it necessary for the Cunard company to do so. Some time ago the Associated Press correspondent visited the spot and was surprised to find grass a foot high all over the cemetery. His account of the incident led a high official of the Cunard line to make

an inspection. He reported to his headquarters in Liverpool, confirming the account of the neglect of the graves. The company acted at once and the result is that, while two months ago it was almost impossible for the casual visitor to distinguish the Lusitania graves from any others, they now arrest immediate attention.

The earth around the graves has been banked up two feet above the level of the ground and carefully sodded. Fifteen pine trees have been planted about the edges and a space in the center is adorned with beds of hardy flowers. A gardener from Cork makes a weekly visit to the graves.

After the war it is proposed to build a monument on the site. This is to be done by the steamship company in co-operation with the British government and a plot of ground has been reserved for this purpose.

There are three trenches, the largest of which contains seventy bodies, the second fifty and the third twenty-seven. The plot for the mem-

orial is between the second and third trenches. A few small gravestones, sent by relatives of the victims, now form the only memorials to be found about the spot.

The graves are seldom visited by the villagers. They say they shun them because they recall the terrible scenes enacted nearly three years ago. One of the latest visitors was the American consul here, Charles M. Hathaway, Jr., who escorted a group of American naval officers now on duty in adjacent waters.

The town hall in Queenstown, which was used as a morgue for the victims, was for two years afterwards deserted by the villagers who had, for generations before, used it as a marketplace. It was said to be "haunted" and no good luck was expected from any transaction completed there. During the last few weeks the villagers have begun to use it again, but only after a squad of painters and decorators had transformed its gloomy interior into such a cheerful place that the merchants, despite their superstitions were coaxed back.

## MYSTERIOUS AILMENT KILLING OFF SHEEP

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, April 3.—With the bodies of dead and dying sheep, part of a shipment received yesterday from the Portland Feeder Company of Burley, Iowa, showing the pens of the Union Stockyards, veterinary surgeons were summoned to solve the mystery surrounding the mysterious ailment which has already caused the loss of \$20,000 worth of mutton.

One theory was that poison had been mixed with the feed at Belvidere, Ill. The pens were placed under quarantine.

### MISTAKES

When a plumber makes a mistake, he charges twice for it.

When a lawyer makes a mistake, it is just what he wanted, because he has a chance to try the case over again.

When a carpenter makes a mistake, it is just as he expected.

When a doctor makes a mistake, he buries it.

When a judge makes a mistake, it becomes a law of the land.

When a preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows the difference.

When an electrician makes a mistake, he blames it on induction; nobody knows what that means.

But when an editor makes a mistake—GOOD NIGHT!—Exchange.

## GOVERNMENT TO SUPPLY DOCTORS

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, April 3.—A corps of physicians to maintain health among more than 100 leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World, on trial for alleged violation of the espionage act, may be engaged immediately by the government to prevent further delays of the case through illness, District Attorney C. F. Clyne announced last night.

When the way had been cleared yesterday for the selection of a jury, counsel for the defense announced that adjournment would be necessary because of the illness of Walter T. Neff of Philadelphia, secretary of branch No. 100, Marine Transport Workers of the Atlantic.

Keen disappointment over delays of the last two days was expressed by counsel for both sides.

"The government will make immediate arrangements for physicians to attend the defendants if further delays occur," Mr. Clyne declared.

One hundred and fifty ventriloquists summoned Monday and yesterday were given opportunity at yesterday's session to present reasons why they should not serve. More than forty of the number have been excused. Claims of exemption because of being engaged in agricultural work or other industries necessary to the prosecution of the war were recognized by the court and many of the prospective jurors excused on these grounds.

Witnesses for the defense already are arriving in town, and George F. Vanderveer, chief counsel for the defense, is confident of acquittal for all members on trial.

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